

Sinclair Broadcasting is a great example of the dangers of media consolidation. I just found out that Sinclair will not air "Stolen Honor" but will now air a "special" with clips from "Stolen Honor". I would have no problem with that if they were to air an anti-Bush "special" immediately prior or after. To air a special that is clearly in their best interests is not right or fair. If they say it isn't because of their best interests, then why not air the "special" after the election? Sinclair is using the public airwaves free of charge, and should be obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.